

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 17-25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 24 are amended.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Ghatt to Applicants' representative during the March 15, 2005 personal interview. The personal interview is summarized below and thus constitutes Applicants' record of the interview.

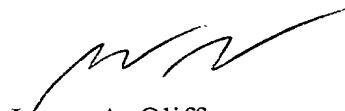
Claims 1-7 and 12-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yoshie et al. (Yoshie), U.S. Patent No. 5,515,150. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, the amendment to claims 1 and 24 further clarifies and distinguishes claims 1 and 24 over Yoshie. Accordingly, Yoshie fails to disclose or suggest all of the features recited in claims 1 and 24 as well as the additional features recited in the dependent claims. It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing and the Amendment filed February 7, 2005, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-11 and 17-25 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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